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# Business school alumni scholarship



The alumni scholarship reduces tuition by 20 percent.

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By: Faren Rajkumar

The H. Wayne Huizenga Business School is encouraging alumni to apply for its Alumni Scholarship. Alumni are eligible for up to \$5,250, which will reduce tuition by 20 percent for any of its evening or weekend master's degree or MBA programs.

All NSU alumni, including undergraduates and graduates of any college or program, are eligible for the scholarship, which is funded directly by the business school.

According to Raymond Medina, business school admissions counselor, there is no limit to the number of students who may receive the

scholarship. The scholarship has been in existence for three years, but according to Sumulong and Medina, a great number of alumni have not yet taken advantage of the opportunity.

In addition to the tuition reduction, scholarship recipients will receive an application fee waiver at the time of enrollment.

According to Director of Enrollment Services Liza Sumulong, the scholarship will be valuable to many members of NSU's community, because continuing education is a trend among NSU alumni.

"Over the past two years, we

SEE SCHOLARSHIP 2

# NSU professor discovers new marine species

By: Debbie Mejia

After a three week expedition to Papua New Guinea, an island north of Australia, Jim Thomas, professor and researcher at the NSU Oceanographic Center's National Coral Reef Institute, discovered new species of feather stars, sea slugs and amphipods — shrimp-like crustaceans.

In December, Thomas led a team — which included researchers from San Diego's Scripps Institute of Oceanography, the California Academy of Sciences, the National Botanical Gardens of Ireland and the Paris Museum of Natural History — to the Madang Lagoon, on Papua New Guinea's north coast.

Thomas had conducted previous research in the South Pacific, including Papua New Guinea, and felt compelled to return for follow-up research. His research team hoped to shine light on the human projects harming the lagoon and its species — such as mining operations and tuna canneries.



From left to right, Dr. James Thomas, boat captain Lasak, Mindi Summers, and Dr. Greg Rouse after a dive in Papua New Guinea

COURTESY OF J. THOMAS

In an interview with PR Newswire, Thomas said, "Hopefully, our discoveries will strongly encourage governing bodies to recognize the environmental importance of the lagoon and work

to stop the pollution."

Richard Dodge, dean and executive director of the National Coral Reef Institute, said, "It is a tribute to skill and determination that Dr. Thomas has been able to conduct

his research under adverse conditions and to also make outstanding discoveries that can [contribute to] our understanding of coral reefs and even all life in the oceans."

Thomas said that, at one point,

scientists did not believe there were reefs on the north coast of Papua New Guinea, as there were no shallow bays and lagoons typical of most coral reef environments. But, researchers eventually discovered a lot of biodiversity.

In a radio interview with Australia's Pacific Beat program, Thomas said that the biodiversity of Madang Lagoon is very diverse, though the details of its makeup are mostly unknown. The reefs may have developed 30 to 50 million years ago.

One of Thomas' graduate students, Stephanie Andringa, who is pursuing a master's degree in marine biology and coastal zone management, accompanied him on the trip to collect amphipods, fix specimens for dissection or microscope viewing, and help identify multiple species of amphipods.

Andringa said, "Accompanying Dr. Thomas to Papua New Guinea allowed me to dive in one of the most

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have had the opportunity to work with over 100 alumni rejoining NSU for a master's degree in business," said Sumulong. "We recognize the fact that no matter your profession, having solid business skills can give you a competitive advantage in the job

market. We appreciate NSU's alumni and this is our way of showing it."

All applicants must be admitted to the business school and complete a scholarship application; the next acceptance deadline for the business school is March 29

and the academic term begins April 8. Scholarship applicants will automatically have their admissions process expedited.

For details on the application process, contact Raymond Medina at 954-262-5060 or rmedina1@nova.edu.

## DISCOVERY from 1

diverse marine ecosystems in the world, and for that I will always be thankful. Through this experience, I was able to meet and learn from distinguished marine biologists and develop friendships with many wonderful Papuans."

After her travel experiences, Andringa said she learned that community outreach and education is an integral part of carrying out research.

"We were very excited. It is a special moment to watch your educator make further advancements in their already successful career. I was and am grateful to have been a part of that discovery," said Andringa. "I am very proud of him. It takes an exuberant amount of time and effort to carry out research in the field, and Dr. Thomas still enjoys it and tries to be involved with as many research projects as possible. I see many more discoveries in his future and can only hope that my career will be as successful as his."

After discovering a new species, Thomas said that the research must be formally described

and published in a recognized, peer-reviewed scientific publication. The research involves dissection under a microscope, a formal description of the unique species and studies to determine relationships to known species. Then, the specimens collected, called holotypes, must be deposited in collections to natural history museums, so that other scientists can examine them.

Thomas said, "It is quite an honor. Whoever describes a species get to select the name. In a place like Papua New Guinea, I will select a name that represents part of the culture and people of the area where the species was collected."

Charles Messing, professor of biology at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, also discovered new species when he accompanied Thomas on a trip to Papua New Guinea back in 1992.

Messing said, "Dr. Thomas has been carrying out research on the north coast of Papua New Guinea for over 20 years. His research goes beyond the description of new

species, because he investigates the evolution of the entire fauna of his research focus, the amphipod crustaceans, in the context of the geological history of the region. Dr. Thomas' research on these animals has significantly helped to reconstruct the complex geological history of Papua New Guinea."

Thomas said that he's been interested in marine biology since he was young. He grew up in Miami and learned to swim before he could even walk. He teaches graduate level courses in ecology of the Belize Barrier Reef and undergraduate courses in oceanography and ecology.

Thomas said, "My advice to students who want to be marine biologists is to get out into the field, investigate local marine systems, and most importantly, take field classes where you are actually leaning in a marine environment with a teacher that has specialized expertise in a particular discipline of marine science."

# Students show that they've got talent

By: **Debbie Mejia**

The Student Events and Activities Board will hold the sixth annual NSU's Got Talent show, the university's version of "America's Got Talent", at the Athletics and Student Affairs building's patio near Gold Circle Lake on March 21 and 22 at 7 p.m.

All participants must represent a registered campus student organization and will show off their singing, dancing, comedy, music, magic, acrobatics and acting talents for the chance to win \$1,000 toward their affiliated student organization.

Raquel Henriquez-Feliz, junior elementary education major, serves as SEA Board's multicultural events chair and is hopeful that the show will draw a lot of competitors and a large audience.

This year's first, second and third place prizes are \$1,000, \$500, and \$250.

"Surely, student organizations can't escape this chance," said Henriquez-Feliz.

Stephanie Haskell, graduate assistant for student programs, said, "This competition is free and just requires an application. We are not sure how many groups we will get, but we are looking forward to a good turnout."

According to Haskell, every group will perform on the first day of competition. The judges, three staff members from the division of student affairs who will be revealed on show day, will select five acts to move on to the second round, and only three acts will win. The judges will critique each performance, similar to the judges on "America's Got Talent."

Lindsay Goldstein, vice president of traditions for SEA Board, said, "I'm looking forward to seeing how creative the acts will be this year."

All competitors must perform between two minutes and four

and a half minutes. All acts will be photographed and or filmed by SEA Board. Acts may not consist of more than eight students, with four alternate participants in case of emergency or last-minute changes. A student organization's songs, steps, chants or strolls may not be performed.

Henriquez-Feliz said, "I encourage everyone to attend NSU's Got Talent. If you have never [attended] before, you'd be amazed to see the talent of your peers, fraternity brothers, sorority sisters and members of your organization."

Completed applications must be submitted to the SEA Board Office, located in the first floor of Don Taft University Center by 5 p.m. on March 13. Volunteers are also needed to help plan the event and set up. For more information, call SEA Board at 954-262-7223.

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# MDA summer camp seeking counselors

By: **Faren Rajkumar**

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), the world's largest nonprofit health agency dedicated to neuromuscular disease research, is accepting applications for volunteer camp counselors for its MDA Summer Camp at the Gold Coast Christian Camp in Lake Worth, Fla. The MDA South Florida chapter hosts this camp every year.

The MDA works to create recreational opportunities for those affected by neuromuscular disease.

Samantha Radaelli, MDA administrative assistant, said the MDA Summer Camp is a weeklong, overnight camp for children between the ages of 6 and 17 to take part in the classic "camp experience". This year's camp will run from June 9 to 14.

Karina Lambertini, MDA camp coordinator, said, "We had four counselors from NSU last year, and they were a wonderful addition to the camp. We hope more NSU students will be interested this year."

At the start of the camp, counselors will receive brief training in how to interact with their assigned camper, and how to assist them in performing basic tasks. Counselors do



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The MDA summer camp helps children affected by neuromuscular diseases participate in outdoor activities.

not need to be certified or previously trained to work with the disabled, because trained medical staff will be on-site for the entire week. All volunteer counselors will earn 140 hours of community service.

A high number of male counselors are needed, as more males have neuromuscular diseases than females, and campers are matched with counselors of the same gender.

Over 40 campers are expected, which means over 40 volunteer opportunities are open to interested students.

Counseling responsibilities include daily trips to the pool, which, according to Lambertini, is a new and exciting experience for many of the young campers.

"Some of the children have never been swimming before, and because it is summertime, they spend a lot of time

in the water," said Karina Lambertini.

In addition to swimming, counselors will also be responsible for overseeing fishing, arts and crafts, adaptive sports, games and social events. Because each volunteer counselor works one-on-one with a camper, according to Lambertini, the camp is an unforgettable bonding experience.

"Most of the counselors become good friends with their campers, because they are not acting as babysitters, but buddies," said Lambertini. "This experience is good for students who hope to go into pediatrics or work with disabled patients, because they learn to interact on a friendly level with them during our camp."

Each year's camp activities are centered around a theme. 2013's will be "Festivals around the World". Last year's was "Welcome to the Jungle".

Those interested in applying can visit MDA South Florida's Facebook page at facebook.com/MDASouthFlorida or contact Lambertini at karinalambertini@mdausa.org or 954-971-3327.

# NSU launches new website



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NSU's new homepage has many new interactive features.

By: **Faren Rajkumar**

The Office of Innovation and Information Technology and the Office of University Relations announced the launch of the new NSU website on Feb. 28.

According to the offices, the most significant improvement is its new compatibility with mobile devices, making the website more accessible to students on the go.

The new homepage features a social media feed, a collapsible footer with popular NSU QuickLinks — such as the bookstore, the campus map and financial aid, and a prominent "NSU News and Events" section.

The offices hope that the new features will make online navigation a much faster process, including a school/college selector at the top of the page and a customizable feature — called an "audience member ribbon" — that enables future students or alumni to view information specifically relevant to their interests or needs.

Unlike the old site, NSU students' photos and names are displayed on several pages, and there is a new

calendar and a "Featured Degrees and Programs" spotlight feature.

"The new drop down menus and visuals on the site make it much easier to navigate through various areas of the university and help others find answers to pertinent questions," said Emilio Lorenzo, career advisor. "I also believe that the new site has a lot of energy due to the use of colors and pictures all around the site, which exemplifies the empowering nature within Nova Southeastern University."

According to Gabriela Vignolo, director of marketing relations, there was a need to use new technology to better showcase NSU's commitment to academic excellence. About six months ago, the Office of Innovation and Information Technology and the marketing staff in the Office of University Relations began searching for ways to improve the website.

"It's been a few years since our last redesign, and as a university, we are consistently evaluating the needs of the students, faculty and staff at NSU," said Vignolo.

The Office of University Relations

pushed for the reorganization of the website's information, from its current state to a more aesthetically appealing view for prospective students.

James Drew and Jesse Perez, members of the Visual Information Architecture team from the Office of Innovation and Information Technology, were responsible for drafting the new design, and they, along with NSU Web Development staff, proposed several concepts to student-focus groups. These student groups were made up of current students from NSU and prospective students currently in high school.

"We took all of the feedback we got from the students and created the final design that you see today," said Vignolo.

For users who need assistance in adjusting to the changes, a "Using Our Site" page outlines the new site's technical requirements and improvements. Links under "Resources" in the "About NSU" have been moved to the footer at the bottom of the page. This area also contains links to other frequently used

university resources.

Students like Kavan Thompson, freshman biology major, appreciates the site's new look.

"I like that there are more photos and videos, and NSU looks more like a happening university," said Thompson.

Shani Samedi, first year nursing student, likes the new arrangement of frequently used links, such as Blackboard.

"I like it. Everything is right in front of you, especially the new blackboard."

Diana Grossman, second year dental student, agrees.

"I like it much better," said Grossman. "It's easy to find Blackboard. I hated the old one, it never worked."

Adjustments to the mobile user experience are still being made to ensure that the website is fully operational on every browser and on every device. According to Vignolo, the general response to the new website has been positive and the team behind its creation is open to feedback, which can be emailed to webfeedback@nova.edu.

# News Briefs

## Library Boot Camp

From March 26 to 28, NSU students are invited to participate in a free workshop series on how to use library resources and services to conduct research. Students may attend any or all of the three workshops. Some familiarity with the internet and computer skills are recommended. The hour-long workshops will be offered at noon and 5 p.m. each day in Lab B, second floor of the Alvin Sherman Library, and online via Elluminate. For detailed information on each workshop and to register, visit nova.campusguides.com/bootcamp.

## Photo exhibition of Modern Japanese Life

A glimpse into Japanese life during the rapid economic growth from the 1970s through the 21st century compose a new photography exhibition opening at NSU on display in the Cotilla Gallery of the Alvin Sherman Library, March 5 to April 12. "Gazing at the Contemporary World: Japanese Photography from the 1970s to the Present" is on loan to NSU through the Japan Foundation in conjunction with Eiichi Kawahara, consul general of Japan in Miami. It includes more than 75 prints taken by 23 photographers focusing on two themes; "A Changing Society," and "Changing Landscape". The Gallery will open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Register for RecPlex's upcoming programs

The Recreational Complex will offer a four-week tennis lesson program on Saturdays and four-week long swing classes on Mondays. The tennis program will begin on March 16 at 9 a.m. for beginners and 10 a.m. for intermediate players at the Rolling Hills tennis courts. The tennis registration fee for students is \$25. Other RecPlex members pay \$35 and non-members pay \$45. The swing classes take place in the RecPlex and will begin March 11 at 7:30 a.m. for beginners and at 8:30 a.m. for intermediate dancers. The swing sessions are \$30 per student, \$40 for RecPlex members and \$55 for non-members. For more information on both programs, contact Mike Prociuk, assistant director for intramurals and special events, at Prociuk@nova.edu or call 954-262-7301.

## Hugo Chavez dies at age 58

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez died on March 5 at 4:25 p.m. after a long battle with cancer. Vice President Nicolas Maduro met with Venezuela's top officials and military leaders just hours before to discuss Chavez's condition. As of March 5, specific plans for presidential elections have not yet been announced. However, Maduro has called for Venezuela to "unite now more than ever".



# Devotion and consumption: a short guide to ST. PATRICK'S DAY

By: **Richard Toumey**

Richard Toumey is an adjunct writing professor at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, who specializes in working with international students. He is also a project consultant, writer and editor. He said that every March he reminds everyone of his Irish ancestry in hopes of not having to pay his share of the check on St. Patrick's Day.

Many Americans will eat corned beef and cabbage in honor of St. Patrick's Day, but it will not make them more Irish. Neither will drinking green beer. These are American fascinations.

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day honors the country's patron saint, the man who brought Christianity to the wild inhabitants of an island on the northeastern edge of the Atlantic Ocean. If you use March 17 as an excuse to drink and party in public, you're being American. In Ireland, you'd be far more likely to go to church in the morning and spend the evening feasting with your family.

**An Irish-American Celebration**

St. Patrick's Day parades became large events in the U.S. as a way for Irish immigrants to publicize their desire for respect and equal rights. Beginning in the 1840s, refugees from the Irish potato famine had been seen as an unwelcome nuisance as they appeared in increasing numbers in America. Businesses with hiring opportunities often put job opening signs in their front windows that added, "No Irish need apply." Proud and vocal, these unwanted minority members took their grievances to the streets and unintentionally started an annual national party.

Over decades, their politics and lively culture became an irresistible shaping influence on American life. As the Irish took up public service with enthusiasm, their social impact became undeniable and inescapable. The buoyant flair of their arts, especially music, and an optimistic celebratory spirit wove itself into the national identity.

The immigrants became tastemakers. St. Patrick's Day celebrations became an annual reminder of the enduring Irish influence in the United States.

**The Lasting Tradition**

The Irish tradition of derision for the British, who occupied the Emerald Isle for centuries, is suspended for St. Patrick. In the fifth century, Patrick was kidnapped from Britain at 16 by Irish raiders who took him to their homeland as a slave. He escaped, returned to Britain and became a priest. Then he journeyed back to Ireland to bring the Gospel to its spirited inhabitants.

His mission was a success despite meeting great resistance. The new religion began to replace local polytheism. Ireland claimed Patrick as its own. Christian monasteries appeared across the island and their monks embraced the duty of preserving classical texts with lavishly decorative artwork.

Though it's a celebration that includes feasting and alcohol,

St. Patrick's Day falls during Lent. Lent is a 40-day period of Christian prayer and penance when the devout suspend their excesses of consumption. But in the typical Irish blend of reverence and irreverence — essential to the Irish character — religious authorities allow for this one-day suspension of religious disciplines. As a result, this patron saint's day of remembrance offers a more festive character than is typical of pious commemorations.

**Current Practices**

The push-pull of Irish identity is evident in its folk dancing, on display at almost all festivities of the day. Wild from the waist down, dancers are unbending and civilized from the waist up. Pagan below, Christian above in the same moment. The evolving traditions for celebrating St. Patrick's Day vacillate between these two polarities of the culture.

The Irish closed their pubs on St. Patrick's Day for decades during the 20th century to preserve the day's religious dignity. Now

Ireland recognizes the occasion as also an opportunity to promote Irish culture and tourism. The pubs are open again, to the relief of visitors and many locals. Street parades and festivals appear in major Irish cities, but this tradition is an export from America, a gift back to the homeland.

How can you enjoy the spirit of St. Patrick's Day? Have fun. Enjoy yourself according to your tastes. You can be like the Irish and go to Catholic Mass, then gather the family for a big meal in the evening. Or you can be American, wearing green and drinking Irish beer. Either way, listen to sprightly music that showcases aggressive fiddles, sing along whether or not you know the words, and laugh much more than is polite.

As one with a strong Irish heritage, though, let me assure you — no beer worth drinking is improved by coloring it green.

## This week in history

By: **Maria Yunez**

March 10  
1876

Alexander Graham Bell made the first successful bi-directional telephone call by saying, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you." Bell is widely considered the pioneer of telephones because he was the first person to receive a patent for the invention.

March 11  
1927

Entrepreneur Samuel Lionel Rothafel, nicknamed "Roxy", opened the Roxy Theatre in New York City's Time Square with the silent film "The Love of Sunya". The famous theater was closed and demolished in 1960, and a T.G.I. Friday's now resides in its place.

March 12  
1912

Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Guides, which is known today as the Girl Scouts of the USA. The first group meeting was with 18 girls in Savannah, Ga. There are now over 3.7 million members of the organization, including girls and adults.

March 13  
1781

German-born British Astronomer William Herschel announces his discovery of the planet Uranus, which he originally named Georgium Sidus, meaning "George's Star", after King George III. It was the first planet discovered by a telescope.

March 14  
1964

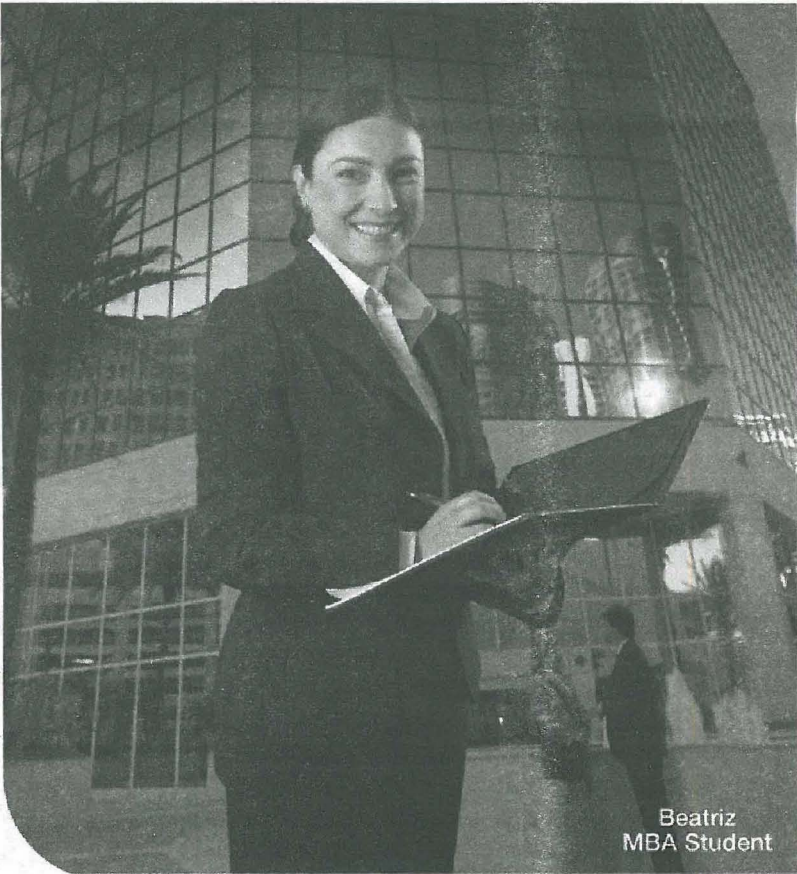
Almost a year after President John F. Kennedy's assassination, a jury in Texas found Jack Ruby guilty of killing Lee Harvey Oswald, JFK's assumed assassin. Ruby died of a pulmonary embolism less than three years later at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, the same hospital where Oswald had died and where President Kennedy had been pronounced dead.

March 15  
1892

English football club Liverpool F.C. was founded and joined the Football League, composed of clubs from England and Wales, the following year. Liverpool F.C. has won more European titles than any other English club, including five European Cups, three UEFA cups and three UEFA super cups.

March 16  
1850

Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel "The Scarlet Letter" was published for the first time in Massachusetts. Hawthorne doubted that it would sell well, but it was an instant success and became one of the first mass-produced books in America.



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# Diary of... an entrepreneur

By: Sayuri Sosa

Sayuri Sosa is senior business administration major and entrepreneurship minor. She is originally from the Dominican Republic, but moved to the Bronx at age 11 and later to Florida with her mom and sister. Making memories is really important to Sosa and is what has inspired her to create her own business.

It was a remarkable day. Let me tell you what happened. I went to the Sawgrass Mills mall to have ice cream with my friends, and as we strolled around, I began to visualize the kind of business I would one day start. I became frustrated seeing the same types of stores everywhere I went. Shoes. Jewelry. Clothes. Toys. Electronics. Seriously? There are so many voids in the world. Can someone find a true need and fill it rather than coming up with a new app or clothing line?

As I was thinking this, one of my friends pulled me inside Build-a-Bear, where I saw a book titled, "The Bear Necessities of Business: How to Build a Company with Heart". "What?," I thought, laughing at God's humor. One moment, I had been envisioning my dream business, and a second later, I saw that book.

I skimmed through the first few pages. As I was holding the book in my hands, I felt a strong urge to go home to read it. So, I bought it and told my friends that I had to go home. Their facial expressions were priceless. They could not understand why I had to go read the book at that moment. And, honestly, neither could I. But

I just knew that I did not want to let another day pass by without knowing my purpose in life.

When I got home, I immediately locked myself in my room, sat on my bed and opened the book. Yet, something inside of me stopped me from reading past the table of contents. I knew that I shouldn't have put my faith on that book to reveal to me my purpose. I asked God to forgive me for trying to do things on my own, instead of relying on my spiritual faith.

As I was getting ready to journal about my day, something caught my attention about my pen. I gazed at my purple pen and wondered who the most qualified person would be to know the purpose of my pen. Would it be the pen or the person who created it? Surely the answer is the person who created it, so shouldn't the same philosophy apply to me? If I wanted to find out my purpose in life and the vision for my business, shouldn't I ask my maker? At that moment, I surrendered my dreams and goals to God.

A few minutes later, flashbacks of different moments of my life came to my mind. I recalled those nights my dad carried me in his arms as a little girl. Then, I remembered the fun times I had with my sister as she used to slide me down the stairs in a laundry basket. Lastly, I reminisced about surprising my mom with jewelry and paintings I had made.

When I lived those moments, I never thought that they would one day become powerful memories. I was in awe at how clearly I remembered those spontaneous, fun moments — even



Sayuri Sosa was inspired by family memories to create a unique business.

the ones I had originally perceived as insignificant. At that point, I realized that although I can't possibly remember every single detail of my life, I will always remember certain special moments which will turn into cherished memories.

Those moments of my life were pieces of the puzzle, which God was helping me put together to uncover the idea for my business. They were the foundation. From that day on, not only did I become more passionate and committed to creating memories with my loved ones, but I also realized that I wanted to assist others in building precious moments with their families and friends.

I suddenly knew that my business mission would consist of empowering people to prioritize the time they spend with their loved ones. I had a dream —

a burning desire to help draw families closer, not letting the outside world pull them away from what matters most.

My new passion inspired me to create You & Me Time Corporation, an innovative service similar to event planning. Except, instead of planning complex events like birthday parties and weddings, I create personalized experiences for loved ones, enabling them to maximize their time together.

For example, I arranged an experience for a couple in the park where they married over 10 years ago. I played a soundtrack of songs by their favorite musicians, served their favorite meal and dessert, and laid out a canvas with paints for them to create art on the exact spot where they had said their vows. The couple told me that You & Me Time renewed their

relationship in a way that numerous relationship books and marriage counselors couldn't.

As of today, families from all walks of life are benefiting from You & Me Time. I know that every relationship tells a different story; it has a unique identity. Before I sketch and coordinate the details of the experience, my priority is to understand the story of each individual relationship.

If you are wondering what exactly You & Me Time is, my answer would be that I not only plan out the food, setting, music and other aspects of an event — I create memories. Based on a client's desired outcome, relationships needs and interests, I create the perfect experience for their loved ones.

## Recipe of the week: Pasta broc-balls



Whole-grain spaghetti tossed in crushed tomato-basil sauce topped with homemade broccoli-stuffed meatballs and parmesan cheese

By: Lilian Valle

So, you're a college student. Though studying should always come first, it does not mean there's only enough time to eat frozen meals or fast food. In just 30 minutes, you can make a home-cooked meal, full of components from all nutritional food groups. Multi-colored vegetables ought to comprise half your entree. Starches should be merely a complement, and protein should be the size of your palm — approximately 5 ounces.

This Italian recipe is easy to make, and flavorful. It is just one meal to help eliminate dependence on fast or frozen foods. Say goodbye to canned sauce and frozen vegetables and hello to fresh ingredients.

Start to finish: 30 minutes  
Servings: 4

- 1 lb lean ground chuck beef or turkey
- dash salt
- pinch pepper
- 1 teaspoon parsley
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/2 lb broccoli florets
- 12 ounces dry pasta (any type)
- 1/2 cup cooking oil (any type)
- 3 teaspoons minced garlic cloves
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tomatoes, crushed
- 10-15 basil leaves (optional)
- teaspoon parmesan cheese (optional)

Ground the meat with a tenderizer, small plate or coffee mug. Mix with salt, pepper, parsley, and lemon juice. Store in refrigerator.

Boil water to 212 F for blanching (partially cooking) broccoli. Steam florets for one minute, then remove and place in an ice water bath, briefly. Season with salt and pepper.

Put pasta into boiling water

and simmer until al dente, per box instructions. Drain.

Roll prepped meat into 1-inch balls. Use your thumb to make a pocket for the broccoli floret. Insert and add more minced meat for cover. Prepare a simmering pan with half a cup of oil. Once boiling, gently place broc-balls into pan and cook until browned. Remove and place on paper towels to drain oils.

Place minced garlic cloves and olive oil in a hot plate or skillet. Add crushed tomatoes with salt and pepper to taste. Mix in any leftover broccoli and simmer with basil.

Top pasta with sauce and meatballs. Garnish with parmesan cheese and enjoy.



# Coach's Corner

By: **Chris Hoffman**

Not everyone can become a collegiate athletics coach, but some people seem to know exactly what it takes.

NSU's Head Softball Coach Lesa Boneé has had a tremendous success since taking over the program in 2003. She has grown a softball team of just nine players to a full-fledged nationally competitive program with 17 players.

Going into her tenth season, Boneé has achieved a 339-229-1 record. During that time, she has helped players win many different awards, including 36 All-Conference, 15 All-Region and five All-America selections. This success has also helped recruit many players, such as junior exercise science major and right-handed pitcher Jennie Von Doellen.

"I didn't know a lot about the school, so I just went off of how her program was run," said Von Doellen. "I looked into the past history and it looked like she takes it very seriously. She seemed focused and disciplined."

Since coming to NSU, Boneé has set several team records. In 2004,

she led the Sharks to a 32-26-1 record, earning them their first ever NCAA Division II South Region top 10 ranking. In 2009, Boneé's team played in the NCAA South Region-2 Championship Game, which was the program's first NCAA tournament appearance. On the way to the championship game, the Sharks went on six different five-game winning streaks and climbed all the way up to the number two team in the country. During the 2010 season, Boneé's squad garnered their second NCAA regional selection, won the most Sunshine State Conference games in program history and had five players receive All-SSC honors.

Von Doellen said that her favorite thing about Boneé is "the fact that she's hard on us."

"At times you hate it, but in the long run, it's what makes this program what it is," said Von Doellen.

Not only does Boneé care about athletic accomplishments, but she is also passionate about how well her players perform in the classroom. She has seen four of her players earn NCAA Scholar All-American awards, most recently with infielder Lauren Lopez in 2009-2010. All

NSU athletes are required to have study hall time, and Boneé adds on additional hours.

As sophomore athletic training major and utility player Melanie Spicola explained, "All athletes have their own study hall, but she has her own study hall. She adds on more time based on our grade tracking sheet. We won an academic award my freshman year and she keeps telling us to strive to get that again."

Before coming to NSU, Boneé coached at a few different levels. She was head coach at University of Missouri — St. Louis and Southern Wesleyan University in Central, S.C., for three years each. From 1997 to 1998, she was an assistant coach for the Carolina Diamonds, a women's fast-pitch softball team in Gastonia, N.C. Her first coaching job was at the high school level, as varsity head coach for Venice High School in Florida.

Boneé has dedicated a lifetime to the sport of softball and, according to her players, has demonstrated just how much she cares about the sport. Spicola and Von Doellen agreed that Boneé is "intense, passionate and structured."



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Head softball coach, Lesa Boneé, has been the face of the program since she took over in 2003.



## ON THE BENCH

Commentary by: **Andre Jensen**

For the NFL, it's that time again; the Scouting Combine is now in the books. Now the real work begins — deciding who to select in the 2013 NFL Draft.

Considered by many scouting experts to be one of the weakest draft classes since 2009, the 2013 class lacks the big arm of Andrew Luck, the dual-threat combination of Robert Griffin III or the speed and agility of Russell Wilson. The 2013 draft class' biggest star is Manti Te'o, who ruled a news cycle not for what he did on the football field, but off it.

With their 2-14 record of 2012, the Kansas City Chiefs have the first overall pick for the first time in franchise history. With an abysmal offensive display last year, the Chiefs need to rebuild their offensive line. The recent addition of former San Francisco 49er Alex Smith through a trade is a good start considering the lack of talent at the quarterback position in this draft class.

The NFL Draft, like any draft, is a lottery. You're just rolling the dice on the possibility that something good might come out of it. That is what happened to the Seattle Seahawks when they rolled the dice on quarterback Russell Wilson last year and ended up .28 seconds away from the NFC Championship Game.

Last year, most sports commentators considered the draft class to be elite, as the focus was on Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III. But, actually, the 2012 draft class was a weak one, with several leading prospects at the top leading the charge and a bunch of average players behind them in line.

This year, the Kansas City Chiefs, Jacksonville Jaguars, Oakland Raiders, Philadelphia Eagles, Arizona Cardinals and Buffalo Bills are the top six on the draft board. Five of these teams have new head coaches who will want to imprint their own marks on their teams.

The first need for any NFL team is a quarterback. For draftees Geno Smith, Tyler Wilson, Ryan Nassib and Matt Barkley, the prospect of being drafted by one of these teams is likely. I expect University of West Virginia quarterback Geno Smith to be the first quarterback picked by the Oakland Raiders, with University of Southern California quarterback Matt Barkley being the next pick by the Arizona Cardinals.

The predictions for University of Arkansas quarterback Tyler Wilson and Syracuse University quarterback Ryan Nassib are harder to make, but it's likely they'll be picked in either the first or second rounds of the draft.

Last season showed the power of the running backs with the excellent performance of Minnesota Viking and Most Valuable Player Adrian Peterson. The 2013 class is filled with talent at this position.

University of Alabama running back Eddie Lacy is expected to go high in the first round. I think that North Carolina Tarheel, Giovani Bernard, Wisconsin Badger Montee Ball, Clemson Tiger Andre Ellington and Oklahoma State Cowboy Joseph Randle will all go in the second round. They all have different styles, but they are very talented and can make big plays in the NFL.

As for the star of this draft class, Manti Te'o, my hopes aren't optimistic. With a lackluster performance at the NFL Scouting Combine, he is starting to prove that he is not worth a high draft pick. He ran an official time of 4.82 seconds in the 40-yard dash, which was the seventh-worst among all linebackers who ran during the on-field drills. He doesn't affect the passing game and can't pressure the quarterback. A second or third round pick is my prediction for this catfish victim.

In every draft, there is a player whom a team is willing to take a chance on. Whether it is the player's athletic ability or off-the-field concerns, one coach is willing to gamble in the hopes of coming up big. Last year, Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll gambled big on Russell Wilson and struck gold. Who will be that coach to gamble on — what is likely the biggest bet of this draft class, former LSU cornerback and Heisman Trophy finalist Tyrann Mathieu?

Nicknamed "The Honey Bager" for his speed and playmaking ability, Mathieu saw his college playing career end when he violated team rules by smoking marijuana, of which he has admitted to having an addiction.

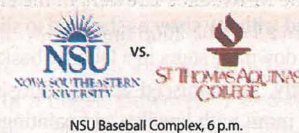
Considered a high risk, high reward draft pick, Mathieu could become the steal of the draft. With many teams afraid of his off-the-field issues, many coaches will stay away. I expect him to be picked anywhere from the third to the fifth round in the draft.

If Mathieu can overcome his character issues, he should have a long NFL career and become that steal of the 2013 NFL draft.

## NSU On Deck Weekly Sports Schedule

### Tuesday 3.12

#### Baseball



NSU Baseball Complex, 6 p.m.

#### Track and Field



University of Miami, All Day

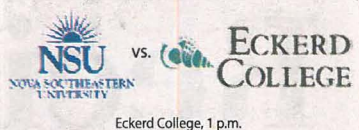
### Saturday 3.16

#### Softball



Barry University, 12 p.m.

#### Baseball



Eckerd College, 1 p.m.

#### Softball



Barry University, 2:30 p.m.

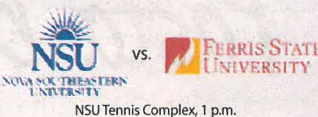
#### Baseball



Eckerd College, 4 p.m.

### Thursday 3.14

#### Tennis



NSU Tennis Complex, 1 p.m.

#### Track and Field



Florida International University, All day

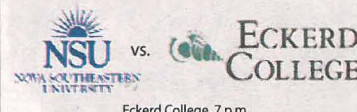
### Friday 3.15

#### Softball



Barry University, 6 p.m.

#### Baseball



Eckerd College, 7 p.m.

#### Women's Golf



Las Vegas, Nev., All Day

### Monday 3.18

#### Women's Tennis



NSU Tennis Complex, 1 p.m.

#### Baseball



NSU Baseball Complex, 6 p.m.

#### Men's Golf



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# Athelete of the week: *Shane Hill*

By: **Chris Hoffman**

Shane Hill, senior exercise science major, has played baseball ever since he was a little kid. He first began to play baseball when he was 4 years old, after his dad bought him a plastic bat and plastic ball from the local pharmacy. He said that he has been hooked ever since.

Growing up, Hill played in many different youth baseball leagues including Little League, Pony league and Khoury League. Throughout that time, Hill lived in Miami, but he has played for teams in Tamiami, Miami Springs and Pembroke Lakes.

After his little league days were over, he played for his high school, Florida Christian School, and several summer travel teams, including the Florida Bombers. As his high school's team captain his senior year, Hill went 11-2 with a 0.97 ERA, earning him spots on the First Team All-Dade County and Third Team All-State.

At the end of his senior year, Hill was the 242nd pick in the eighth round of the 2006 Major League

Baseball draft by the Milwaukee Brewers. The right handed pitcher played for three seasons with the Brewers' rookie team based out of Phoenix, Arizona. After the 2008 season, Hill and the Brewers parted ways, which he said allowed him to be "a normal kid." He next attended the University of Central Florida for two years.

Last year, he decided to return to the sport, after finding out that he'd be allowed to play collegiate baseball — as long as it was for a Division II school. He transferred to NSU for the 2012 season, where he appeared in six games, started in three and had an ERA of 4.00.

I sat down with Hill and asked him a few questions:

**What is the best memory of your career?**

My best memory was probably winning the state championship in 2005 with my high school, Florida Christian, and also getting drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in the eighth round of the 2006 draft.

**What is the best accomplishment in your career?**

I played professional baseball already, so signing that professional contract would be my biggest accomplishment so far in my career.

**Why did you decide to come to NSU?**

I'm from the area and I always heard that Nova was a good school and I had friends that played for the team. It just worked; it was a good fit. It was either here or Barry [University] and I'm glad that I picked here over Barry.

**What do you like the most about Head Coach Greg Brown?**

I just think that he's a very intense coach and he just respects the game of baseball the way it should be respected. He expects 150 percent out of you every single day, whether you have your best stuff or your worst stuff. His biggest thing is just to go out there and compete. I think that's something that is very valuable in a head coach.



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Despite signing a professional contract, Shane Hill decided to come back and play collegiate baseball.

talk to the other umpires on the field.

**What are you looking forward to the most for the remainder of the season?**

I'm looking forward to winning the conference championship. Last year we got pretty close to going to Cary, North Carolina for the World Series. That's in our plans this year, to take that next step and go compete in the World Series.

**What do you think about instant replay in the MLB?**

I think the homerun replay is perfectly fine. But once you start getting into instant replay balls and strikes or even a play at the plate, I feel like you're just messing with the game itself. If they do miss a play, they have an opportunity to go and

**If you had one superpower, what would it be?**

To fly. I just feel like being able to fly is just like freedom. Birds are just the freest animals, they can just do whatever they want and fly all around the world.

**If you were to describe yourself as an animal, what would you be?**

I would say a bald eagle because they're free-spirited and American. If there was a movie about your life, who would you want to play you? Paul Rudd. That guy is the man; he's my favorite actor. I feel like we have the same sense of humor.

# The worst owner in sports history

By: **Chris Hoffman**

How is it possible for one man to be hated by almost everyone in a city? Jeffrey Loria, the owner of the Miami Marlins, is well on his way to becoming the most hated man in Miami.

One year after building a brand new stadium with tax payer money, he executed one of the biggest fire sales in Major League Baseball history.

Just in case fans did not like him enough, he decided to publish a full-page letter in the three South Florida newspapers, The Miami Herald, the Sun-Sentinel and the Palm Beach Post on Feb. 24. He titled it "Letter to Our Fans", but let's just say that it was not written as a love letter to fans.

Probably the best part of Loria's letter is when he says, "As the owner of the ballclub, the buck stops with me and I take my share of the blame where it's due."

He takes the blame where it's due? That's probably one of the funniest things I have heard in a while, since all he ever does is sit back, cut the payroll and watch his wallet grow thicker by the day. Loria has not taken responsibility for anything, not even for running the Montreal Expos into the ground a decade ago.

According to Loria, the fact that the Marlins are losing is unacceptable and he had to do something quickly before it got any worse. Let's just remember that last year's team had never played together. It usually takes more than one season for big name players and coaches, such as Jose Reyes and Ozzie Guillen, to form a winning bond. Reyes, easily one of the fan favorites of this franchise was told by Loria to buy a house in Miami for his family and himself. Turns out, Loria lied to his player and the Marlins' fans. You can't expect to be respected when all you do is lie to an entire community.

Another topic that Loria brought up in his oh-so-glorious letter was that the Marlins do not have a lot of funds to spend on big name, All-Star caliber players — yet another lie. The Marlins are one of the most profitable teams in the MLB, because the top of the organization does not want to reach into its pockets and pay the players that the Marlins need in order to win.

Loria continued to talk about the new ballpark and how the Marlins paid for more of the stadium than fans think. He said that the Marlins forked over \$161.2 million for the stadium to

be built, which is nothing compared to the \$347 million that Miami-Dade County dished out for the construction. So, you don't pay for good players, you pay for less than half of your stadium and, yet, there still are no funds to be spent? I find that very hard to believe.

David Sampson, president of the Marlins and Loria's stepson, has publicly stated that they are in the business solely to make money. This is not the ideology that a team's owner and president need to have. I guess they have not realized that there is usually a cycle in the sporting industry. That is, you pay players, players win games and championships and when they do that, fans tend to follow along and buy tickets and merchandise. Instead, when your team keeps losing and trading off their best players, fans lose interest and start to resent the very organization that they want to love and be proud of.

If I were in Bud Selig's shoes as the commissioner of the MLB, I would do everything in my power to make Loria sell the team before he ruins the reputation of a baseball team owner. Apparently he just does not understand the concept of how, without the fans, there is no team.

## SPORTS SHORTS

WRITTEN BY  
Chris Hoffman

### SWIMMING



The Sharks sent 13 swimmers to compete in this year's NCAA National Championships in Birmingham, Ala. Oskar Nordstrand and Erin Black were both crowned as National Champions in the 500-yard freestyle.



### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NSU fell three points shy from advancing to the SSC championship when they lost to Rollins College, 83-80.



### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Sharks ended their season losing to Eckerd College, 62-48, in the first round of the SSC tournament.



# In memoriam: cancelled TV comedies

By: **Jodi Tandet**

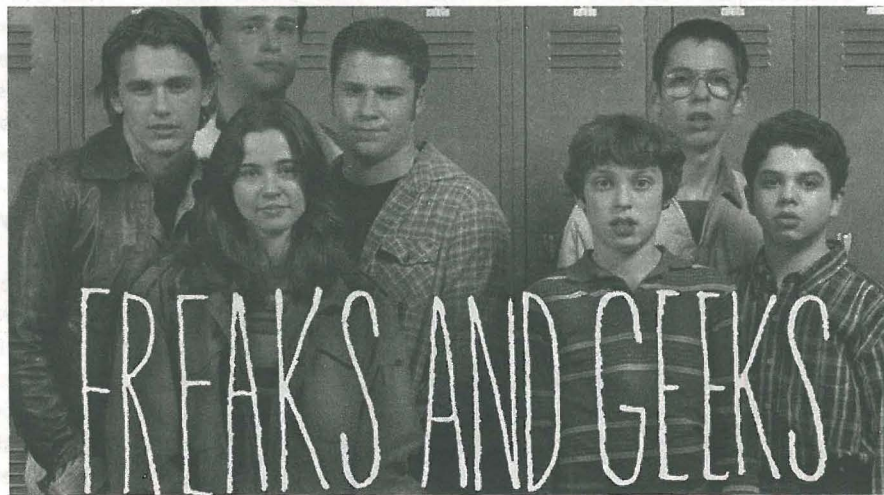
Ladies and gentleman, we have gathered here today to remember four remarkable TV shows, whose lives were cut far too short by the cruel hand of network executives.

Each of these delightful comedies lived every minute of every scene to the fullest, with expertly crafted characters, oh-so-clever dialogue and beautifully absurd situations. They were true gems of the small screen that touched the hearts and funny bones of all viewers lucky enough to know them. They can best be remembered by anyone who chooses to witness their glory days — or rather, episodes. May they rest in peace ... and in your DVD collection.

## “Freaks and Geeks” Season: One (1999 – 2000, 18 episodes)

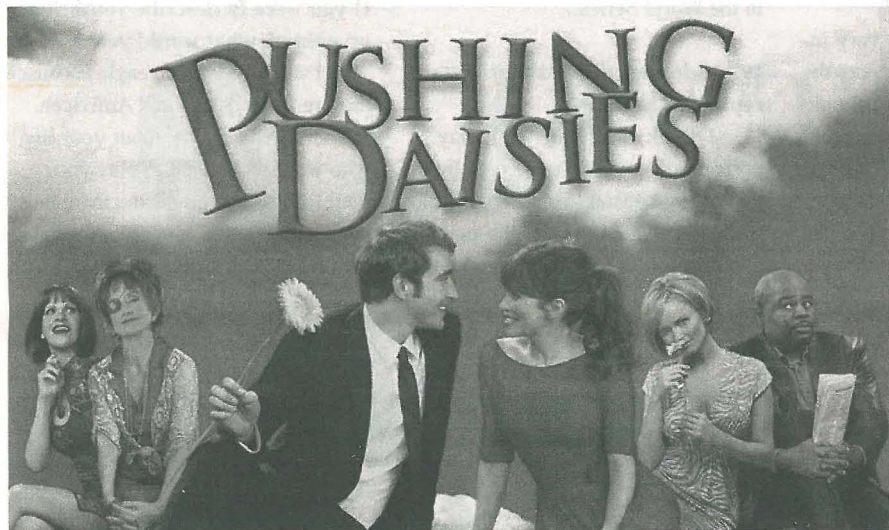
With Jason Segel, Seth Rogan and James Franco as stars, the cast list of this more than a decade old show seems like today’s Comedic Hall of Fame. Produced by the unofficial king of the “bromance comedy”, Judd Apatow, “Freak and Geeks” is set during the 1980-1981 school year at the fictional William McKinley High School — a name also used for the school of “Glee.”

But unlike that rarely realistic musical series, “Freaks and Geeks” manages to entertain its audience through simplicity. Everyone is an outcast, but the sort of outcast that viewers wish was in their group of friends. Whether you’re a freak or a geek or somewhere in between, this cult favorite of a comedy-drama will have you laughing at its wit, cringing at its awkwardness, cheering at its relevance, and, maybe, crying at its surprising sentimentality.



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It's easy to freak or geek out over the adventures or this awkward comedy's outcasts.



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This comedy-drama mixes murder investigations with romance for a whimsical, sticky-sweet concoction.

## “Pushing Daisies” Seasons: Two (2007 – 2009, 22 episodes)

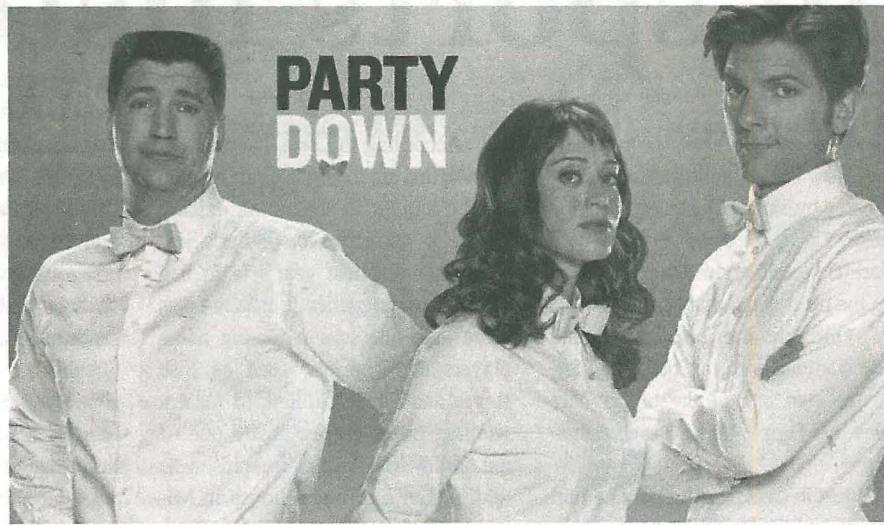
Within just 22 whimsical episodes, “Pushing Daisies” worked its eccentric way far enough into critic’s hearts to earn it seven Primetime Emmy Awards — including Outstanding Actress in a Supporting Role for Kristin Chenoweth’s portrayal of adorable waitress Olive Snook. Alas, lack of significant viewership resulted in its far too early death.

But death is the show’s forte. Protagonist and pie-maker Ned, played by the boyishly handsome Lee Pace, has a very special “gift” — which may actually be more of a curse; he can bring the dead back to life with the mere touch of a finger. However, if Ned touches the no-longer-deceased a second time, it’s lights out again ... forever. Touted as a “forensic fairytale”, Ned aids a private investigator in solving crime, while managing The Pie Hole and romancing his childhood-crush-turned girlfriend, Charlotte “Chuck” Charles — who, being formerly deceased herself, he can never so much as hug. With its stunning visual style, fast-paced dialogue and touching relationships, “Pushing Daisies” will leave the sweetest of tastes in your mouth — pie not included.

## “Party Down” Seasons: Two (2009 – 2010, 20 episodes)

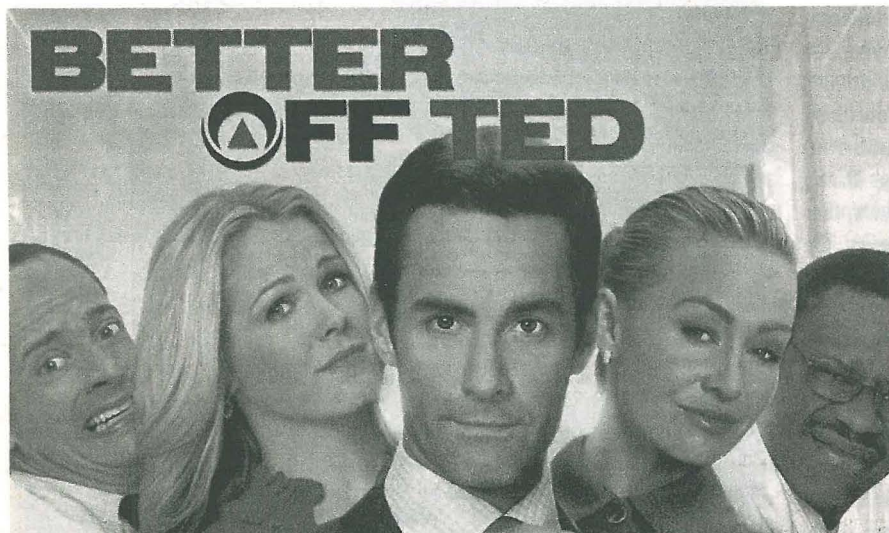
What do you get when you cast half-a-dozen comedic actors, toss in a generous serving of charming guest stars, slap on some light pink bow ties, and roll the camera? Well, the simple answer is “Party Down”, but the show’s hilarious stars could surely think of an alternative witty punch line.

The partially improvised comedy series centers around a Los Angeles catering team, composed of a quirky crew of actors you either will already recognize or will quickly fall in love with — including Jane Lynch, Megan Mullally, Adam Scott, Lizzy Caplan and Ken Marino. Each main character is a loveable loser, aspiring for Hollywood success, and each episode follows their antics at a different catering gig, during which they get tangled up in the whimsies and woes of that event’s guests. They cater a senior’s single mixer, an adult entertainment awards after party, a high school reunion, and in one wonderfully twisted episode, a funeral reception. “Party Down”’s offbeat characters, bizarre settings and unexpected heart make it an unforgettable TV treat, perfect for any party.



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The fictional catering team of “Party Down” serves up dish after dish of delectable dialogue.



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Any TV viewer will be better off for having watched this not-so-standard workplace comedy.

## “Better Off Ted” Seasons: Two (2009 – 2010, 26 episodes)

It may be tempting to label “Better Off Ted” a standard workplace comedy. Except there’s nothing standard about a company that tries to cryogenically freeze an employee, proposes selling “meatless beef” and uses racist motion sensors that “don’t detect black people” — all within its first four episodes.

The heart of this satirical comedy and its immoral fictional company is Ted Crisp, a not-quite everyman who heads the research and development team of Veridian Dynamics. His demanding boss Veronica Palmer, played by Portia De Rossi, manages to heat up the screen while being extraordinarily cold — in the most hilarious way possible. Ted’s outspoken workplace crush, idiotic duo of lab scientists, and adorable 7-year-old daughter — who just may be the most mature character of all — round out the eccentric ensemble cast.

Among the show’s best running gags are its mock company commercials, whose perfectly imperfect slogans include “Diversity: Good for us.”, “Family: Yay.” and “Food: Yum.” And the slogan for Veridian’s “charitable” foundation serves as a perfect example of the show’s cheeky humor: “Helping the word ... by telling people we’re helping the word.”



# The fashion fix for spring

By: Bianca Felix

As a sales associate at Charlotte Russe, I help people find signature outfits, style mannequins and keep a close eye on upcoming fashion trends.

With spring quickly approaching, you may be wondering what fashion trends to expect this season. Well, look no further.

Whimsical shorts are among the most popular trends. Brightly colored high-waisted shorts with minor rips are basic options, but bolder fashionistas may want to try designs with studs or animal prints. Many designers have even bleached and accessorized their shorts, creating a worn, lived-in look.

This year has seen a decline in cool colors, with bold patterns taking their place. Look for animal, floral, vintage, Victorian and geometric prints. If you're really brave, try pairing different patterns together, making sure they complement one another. For example, thick bold stripes paired with an intricate floral pattern of whites and dark blues can be elegant and fresh.

Don't forget to accessorize. Chunky bracelets, bangles and sunglasses can help make any outfit posh. Look for accessories that reflect your personality and interests. For example, if you're obsessed with France, look for charm bracelets with Eiffel towers.

Although some celebrities spend hundreds of dollars to stay up on the latest trends, stores like Cotton On, JCPenney and Macy's carry fashionable pieces at affordable prices. If you shop with a keen eye, you can score an expensive-looking spring outfit for less than \$50, tax included.

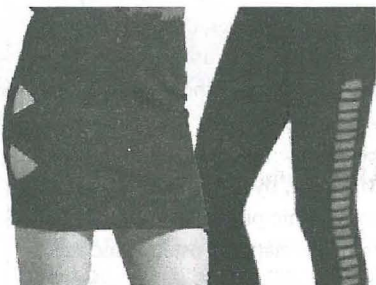
And remember, confidence and creativity are the keys to pulling off any style. So, melt away the cold greys of winter and welcome the sunny new styles of spring 2013.



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Every fashionista has a little rock star in her; let it out with leather. Rihanna has made a texturized outfit with the shine of her polyester jacket and red leather jeans.



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Want to show off your unique sense of style? Try these studded shorts. While some are solely for risk-takers, others can fit in with any springtime outfit.



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Spring is the season to show some skin, but not too much. Clothes with cutouts are very trendy right now because they give ordinary pieces, like cardigans or tights, a futuristic-looking twist. Be on the lookout for funky cutouts like hearts and skeletons.



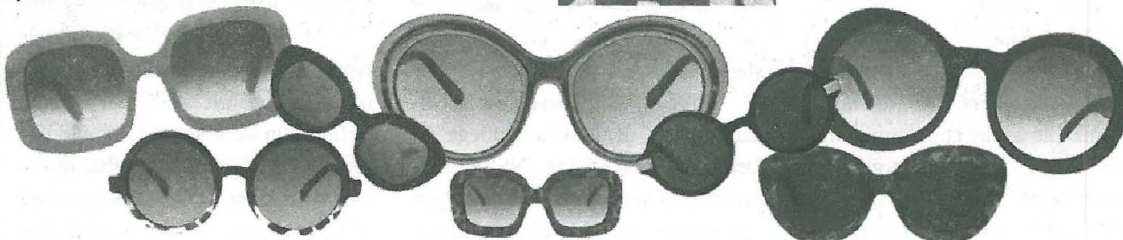
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## Hamburger America

By: Andre Jensen

Some of the country's biggest culinary talents went head to head at the Amstel Light Burger Bash, billed as one of the prime events of the 2013 Miami Beach Food and Wine Festival, held on Feb. 22.

Celebrity chef and talk show host Rachael Ray hosted the Burger Bash's cook-off. Local restaurants, such as Charm City Burger Company in Deerfield Beach and Lokal Burgers in Miami, squared off against big names in the food industry, from around the country, like Food Network chefs Bobby Flay and Guy Fieri.

The event's popularity illustrates America's fascination with the hamburger. From Five Guys to In-N-Out burger, numerous hamburger restaurant chains are littered across the nation, inviting beef connoisseurs to savor the

taste of a good hamburger.

Many people wonder why there is such a fondness for the burger in the U.S., as burgers have joined the likes of hot dogs and baseball to become integral to Americana culture.

Perhaps it is our fondness for beef and the fact that it's quick to make. Plus, it can be eaten on the go. Unlike Europeans, most Americans don't spend much time dining together. We are married to our vehicles and hamburgers are easy to order at the drive-through window. We can eat our food without ever getting out of the car.

To me, there is nothing better than a big juicy burger, perfectly seasoned with tomato, onion and pepper jack cheese on a lightly toasted bun. Throw some baked beans and chips on a plate and you have a great meal. Wash it all



TAKEN BY A. JENSEN  
The bite-size burgers at the Amstel Light Burger Bash had flavor beyond their size.

down with an ice cold drink and you have a BBQ.

Hamburgers are easy to make and you can put so many different things on them to change the taste. That's why the hamburger is such a commercial success. There is basically nothing that you cannot put on a hamburger; from the cheeseburger to the barbecue burger, hamburgers can change more positions than a politician on Capitol Hill.

One particular popular trend are burgers named after states and inspired by that state's culture. For example, the California burger has cheese, guacamole and bacon. The Hawaii burger is of-

ten topped with teriyaki sauce, derived from the Asian-American culture of the island, and pineapples, to give it some Hawaiian tropical flavor.

My personal favorite is the Carolina burger, which brings a southern twist to the hamburger. Topped with cheddar cheese, chili, coleslaw, onions and mustard, the burger is as tasty as it gets.

America's burger obsession has even created a South Florida twist. Heavily influenced by the region's Latin population, the Frita is a Cuban dish with a seasoned ground beef patty — which is sometimes mixed with chorizo, on Cuban bread topped with shoe-

string potatoes, lettuce, onions and a spiced ketchup sauce. It is delicious and is a good representation of the prevalent Cuban culture.

According to a Food Magazine study in 2010, Americans ordered 9.5 billion burgers. They also consumed 30.5 burgers per capita at restaurants and the burger was the no. 1 grilled food at home. This study was done in 2010; just imagine what the numbers are now.

With America's love of the hamburger growing with each new generation, the burger will continue to capture the imagination of food-lovers young and old.

## Ultra stimulates Dade County Economy

By: Chris Hoffman

Avicii. Benny Benassi. Carl Cox. deadmau5. Swedish House Mafia.

These are just a few of the many big name DJs scheduled to convene at Bayfront Park in downtown Miami for the first weekend of Ultra Music Festival, March 15-17. The festival, known simply as Ultra, is one of the biggest and most successful electronic dance music festivals in the world, usually taking place over one weekend. As promised by Ultra's producers, this year's 15th anniversary celebration will be bigger than ever; for the first time in history, it will take place over two weekends.

However, Weekend 2, as its producers call it, almost did not happen.

The City of Miami Commission threatened to cancel it because it would be "disruptive to the local business community." After negotiations between the two sides, it was decided that Bayfront Park would be allowed to host both weekends of the festival.

One of the reasons that Ultra is still able to have a two-weekend extravaganza is because its past one-weekend festivals have high economic benefits for the Miami area.

The 2012 festival was held over three days, with 165,000 people in attendance — 60 percent of whom were not from Miami-Dade County. Ultra producers reported that people from all 50 states and 75 different countries purchased tickets for it.

The Washington Economics Group, Inc. (WEG) conducted a study to uncover exactly how much of an impact Ultra has on the economy. The study concluded that the 2011 festival generated a total of \$79 million for Miami-Dade County.

Where does all the money come from? Since the majority of festival-goers are from outside of Miami-Dade County, most of them are spending their money on lodging, meals, transportation and shopping. WEG also calculated that, in 2011, the average out-of-town visitor spent \$78, \$53.2, \$16.6, and \$84.9 per day on lodging, meals, transportation and shopping respectively. Due to extremely limited availability, many Miami area hotels

charge above their usual rates — especially in the weeks leading up to Ultra. As of Mar. 5, the cheapest hotel found on orbitz.com for the downtown Miami area was priced at \$449 per night. The same search showed hotels as cheap as \$59 per night a month after the event.

Not only does the festival affect the amount of money that is brought into the county economy, but it also increases the amount of jobs within Miami-Dade County. WEG reported that the 2011 festival generated a total of 915 jobs, the majority of which were in industries that had been targeted by the county as areas that needed to increase for further economic development.

This year's two weekend festival should create as much, or even more,

jobs. The City of Miami has agreed to add 100 police officers in order to control the expected crowd of over 300,000 spectators between the two weekends. This announcement came after Ultra Music Festival executives offered to pay \$500,000 to the city to help cover the cost of the extra police and fire rescue needed.

As of Mar. 5, Weekend 2 of the festival is sold out, while 82 percent of Weekend 1 tickets have been sold. So far, it looks like the City of Miami has made a smart decision in allowing Ultra Music Festival to expand to two weekends.



# “DOOM” in changing osteopathic medicine initials

By: Aadil Vora

It is amazing what a title does for a brand, a movie or even this article. A title gives a first impression and, sometimes, simple information at a first glance.

For a professional, a title has great significance. Simple letters like, “M”, “J”, “O” and “D” combine to make initials such as, “JD” and “MD”, which sit next to a person’s name, defining their profession and schooling. The letters “DO”, meaning Doctor of Osteopathy, have undergone some of the most heated debate.

This debate is primarily caused by some osteopathic physician’s concerns that the letters “DO” are not as recognizable as the counterpart allopathic degree, M.D. The arguments on both sides, against changing the initials and for changing the initials, extends through the history of osteopathic medicine, all the way back to its founder, A.T. Still in 1874.

Still pioneered a new philosophy of practicing medicine with the underlying doctrine that the human body has the innate tendency to heal itself.

According to the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, “Osteopathic medicine provides all of the benefits of modern medicine including prescription drugs, surgery, and the use of technology to diagnose disease and evaluate injury. It also offers the added benefit of hands-on diagnosis and treatment through a system of therapy known as osteopathic manipulative medicine.”

Osteopathic medicine emphasizes a patient-centered approach by focusing on disease prevention, a healthy lifestyle and examining all parts of the body to diagnose an injury. Osteopathic physicians today have full practicing rights in all fifty states and practice in every specialty.

Since 11 percent of physicians in the U.S. are D.O.s, some physicians feel that the initials should be changed to incorporate an “M”, which would more closely resemble the allopathic medical doctor degree of M.D. These physicians worry that potential patients who are unfamiliar with the DO title will confuse an osteopathic doctor with a doctor of orthodontics or optometry.

However, I believe that the Doctor of Osteopathy initials should not be changed, for several reasons.

Firstly, the professional initials that follow a doctor’s name are practically insignificant to a potential patient. Unlike most services in the U.S., customers seeking a doctor do not search the Yellow Pages or walk down the street and “shop” for a medical professional. In most cases, people in need of a specialty doctor, such as dermatologists and cardiologist, are given a referral to a specialist by their primary care provider. In other cases, patients who belong to larger healthcare establishments, like

Kaiser, will be referred to a specialty doctor within that organization. Patients rarely choose their own doctors and therefore, a doctor’s degree type, D.O. or M.D., is insignificant.

But when patients do get the chance to choose their physician, they make their decision based on reviews they have heard from past patients. From my own clinic observations, the “word of mouth” approach to getting more patients is more common and trusted than medical care TV commercials and flyers. A patient who refers a friend to a doctor helps increase a physician’s business in the most honest way possible; the better the doctor, the more patients he or she receives.

Ajay S. Gill, first year medical student at NSU’s College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSUCOM), agrees and said, “One is not judged by the letters after your name. One is judged by performance, actions, and impact.”

Students at NSU’s College of Osteopathic Medicine look at the debate through the unique way that they are being taught. Osteopathic doctors receive the same training and certification requirements as M.D.s, but they take additional classes in OMT, Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment. OMT instills the non-invasive hallmark of osteopathic medicine to healing the body by massaging and stretching it back to its natural structure. Most students feel that the unique D.O. initials should not be changed to camouflage with the M.D. initials because the educational backgrounds differ for each degree.

Ricky Patel, a first year medical student at NSUCOM and vice president of NSUCOM’s Student Government Association said, “If all medical schools, both allopathic and osteopathic, were to incorporate OMT and its philosophy into teaching, I see nothing wrong with merging the professions and sharing one degree. However, if that is not the case, osteopathic medicine, in my opinion, must remain distinct and its distinct title must be preserved.”

Additionally, as many physicians and medical students have said on blogs and online forums —such as the Student Doctor Network, changing the professional title would cause further confusion. Some have suggested the title to change to “DOM”, “MD, DO” and even “DOOM.” Regardless, physicians will still have to explain that the “O” in their title stands for osteopathy. Putting up a façade by changing the initials does not make the osteopathic medicine degree any more recognizable.

Indeed, to make the osteopathic degree more recognizable, the American Osteopathic Association has made efforts to educate the public on the patient-centered approach Osteopathic physicians practice. However, it is much more powerful and enduring to build the reputation of osteopathy by creating a strong and respected osteopathic physician

workforce over time, rather than creating infomercials, pamphlets and print commercials.

Already in America, osteopathic education has rapidly increased with the introduction of new osteopathic medical schools and eager students. According to the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, by 2015, more than 5,300 osteopathic physicians will graduate from the nation’s osteopathic medical schools each year. As patients in America continue to receive treatment from great osteopathic doctors, the D.O. degree will gain more recognition. Patience is key.

Moreover, changing the initials would impede the incredible growth in the osteopathic medicine. Instead, a change in the degree title could tarnish the image of osteopathic medicine by making D.O.s look ashamed of their degree. So much work has been done to award the same practicing rights to D.O.s as M.D.s, while still maintaining the integrity of the successful osteopathic philosophy. An attempt to make the D.O. degree look like the more common and larger counterpart degree would deface the history and preserved effort of past osteopathic physicians.

Even if a change in the initials was passed, an exorbitant amount of time, money and effort would be spent in changing all official documents, getting past D.O.s to revise their degree certificates and reprinting thousands of business cards.

The most surefire, enduring and impactful way to bring more recognition to the osteopathic degree and all it has to offer can only be achieved in the most honest way possible: deliver great osteopathic healthcare and satisfied patients will, in turn, deliver great recommendations and reviews.

# NS-You Pride

By: Danielle McCalla

In light of the recent Harlem shake dance craze, NSU’s Student Events and Activities Board thought it would be cool if we did one on campus as a way to encourage school pride, while supporting our athletes. I was pretty happy with the turnout and final cut of the video. Kudos to everyone who participated in the video shoot.

But then I started hearing people complain that the event was lame or that all NSU events are boring. I have a problem with that. A school is nothing without its students and, quite frankly, I think NSU has a lot of things going for it — like its various sport teams and numerous clubs and organizations that plan special events. But do we go out to support these events? No, we don’t. We are quick to bash the efforts of those who put time into planning events and then we complain that nothing is going on around campus.

NSU is composed of buildings and lush landscapes — that’s it. We, as students, have the responsibility to shape our university experience. We should think about the legacy that we are leaving behind for future students to follow. If a group hosts an event, you can — and should — provide feedback. That way, student organiza-

tions can shape their events to suit the students who attend them.

Whatever the reason may be, we chose to attend this institution and we stayed here. University administrators provide us with a safe, beautiful and modern campus, along with excellent professors and practical opportunities within every academic field. But we have to meet them half way. Of course, there are those cynics and critics who will say that things at NSU aren’t perfect, and they are right. There are many things that could be improved, but we should follow Mahatma Gandhi’s saying, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.”

If you don’t like what you see, do something about it. Go out to a game one evening with friends. Cheer on our sport teams as they represent our school. Dress in a costume and do the Harlem Shake with your schoolmates. Pick up The Current and read about what is happening on campus. Check out NSU on Pinterest. There is so much to do here, aside from studying to pass that biology class. My wish for each of us is that, when we leave these hallowed halls, we not only have our diplomas in hand, but memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

It’s time for us to not simply say we are Sharks; we must actually be Sharks.



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# Enough is enough America needs new energy policy

By: Andre Jensen

It seems to always come around like an unwanted neighbor; two or three times a year, it seems to slowly increase without explanation. No, I'm not talking about insects or weeds in the grass; I'm talking about gas prices.

Gasoline prices in the U.S. have increased dramatically in the last month. According to the American Automobile Association, the nation's largest car service organization, as of Feb. 26, prices have gone up every day for the last 33 days and the average price of a gallon of unleaded gasoline rose to more than \$3.70 in most areas of the country. That compares to about \$3.57 a gallon a year ago.

These price increases are unacceptable and dangerous to the nation's already fragile economy. The need for a new national energy policy is now more apparent than ever. It seems like every year, at the beginning of March and end of August, the gasoline prices go up, sometimes with an explanation — like a crisis in the Middle East, but most of the time without any given reason.

The average consumers,

whose personal finances are squeezed with each sudden increase at the gas pump, have become the victims of a wrongheaded energy policy. In states whose governments have imposed cumbersome regulations on fuel — like Hawaii, California and New York — consumers are forced to pay upwards of five dollars a gallon, in some areas.

Appropriately named 'the Pain at the Pump' by local media outlets like WSVN and the Miami Herald, it has become an unnecessary recycling of the same issue year after year.

David Yahn, the former opinions editor of The Current, wrote about this topic in the March 13, 2012 edition of paper, with an article entitled "High oil prices ache the head and the wallet". It's dismaying that absolutely nothing has changed in American energy policy since then.

The Obama administration's current energy policy rests on the principles of creating new "clean energy" technology, reducing carbon emissions and taxing fuels, so they are used less frequently by consumers. This current approach is the wrong approach. We

cannot have a policy in which the government wants consumers to pay high prices for gasoline, as it will only further increase the cost on the consumer.

The president's current policy ignores the fact that the nation is nowhere near being able to meet its massive energy needs. With all the currently available wind, solar and biofuel power combined, America won't be able to meet its needs for decades to come.

It's time for the Obama administration to put in place an energy policy that will not only take care of the nation's energy needs, but will look forward and plan for the future. A possible solution would be to create a partnership of developing viable alternative energy while taking advantage of the oil and gas reserves available.

Moreover, the administration's refusal to drill for oil in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which is estimated to possess six to 16 billion barrels of recoverable crude oil and natural gas, hasn't helped in making the nation energy independent. Federal actions like the blocking of the building of the Keystone pipeline system — which would

deliver Canadian crude oil to the Midwestern states, and the long delay to give federal approval to the building of new oil refineries have only allowed foreign sources of oil to dominate the U.S. market.

Additionally, the administration has made only 2.2 percent of the federally controlled offshore Outer Continental Shelf available to drilling. The Shelf is coastline under federal control and is considered U.S. territory on both the eastern and western seaboards. This further limits the nation's ability to meet its own energy needs, especially when only six percent of onshore federal lands are available for oil exploration.

The current plan of sitting and hoping that wind and electricity will somehow power our vehicles is unsustainable. Pressured by powerful environmental special interest lobbies, Obama continues to sit on the fence, calling for more studies on "new energy" as gas prices rise and the nation's dependence on foreign oil continues.

The time for studies is over. Year after year of the same thing happening should be proof that something needs to change. Powerful environmental lobby groups

that seek to influence legislation and policy, like the Sierra Club and the Natural Resource Council, have little regard for the plight of the consumer. Their supporters wish to import the very worst of the European model on energy.

Burden by overregulation and taxes, oil prices in Western European nations, like Spain, France and Germany, go through the roof during times of energy crisis. In Great Britain, the average price right now is about £1.34 per liter, equal to be about \$7.75 per U.S. gallon. That is not something that needs to be imported to the United States.

This country is unique in its vast, diverse landscapes. It is rich in resources from coast to coast. The time has come that those resources are used to make the nation stronger. It is time for a new energy policy that takes into account the realities of the nation's immediate energy demands while developing alternative energy sources for the future. Otherwise, next year, we will be still complaining again about how high gas prices are.

## On the Scene: NSU launched its new website on Feb. 28. What do you think about the changes?



"I couldn't find what I was looking for. It was confusing. I didn't like it. The quick links weren't there anymore. The website does look nice." **Matt Turse, freshman pre-med major**



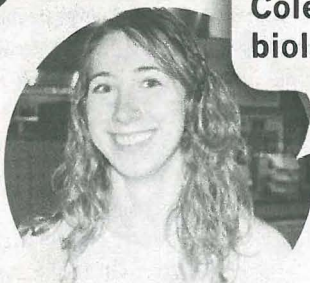
"It took me a while to find the quick links. After a while, I got used to it. I would rather have something simple and straightforward." **Paige Chin, second-year MBA student**



"It's not easy to find the Huizenga homepage. It's crazy that you have to go to another page to get to the homepage." **Ronchadd Wilkins, second-year MBA student**



"It seems like it is for new students. I finally found everything. I miss the song and video on the old one." **Melissa Dixon, junior nursing major**



"It was nice. It is much better than the old one. It's much more appealing. Everything was easy to navigate." **Jennifer Coley, sophomore biology major**



"The new website looks nicer. There seems to be a decrease in performance and it's slower." **Don Pham, second-year MBA student**

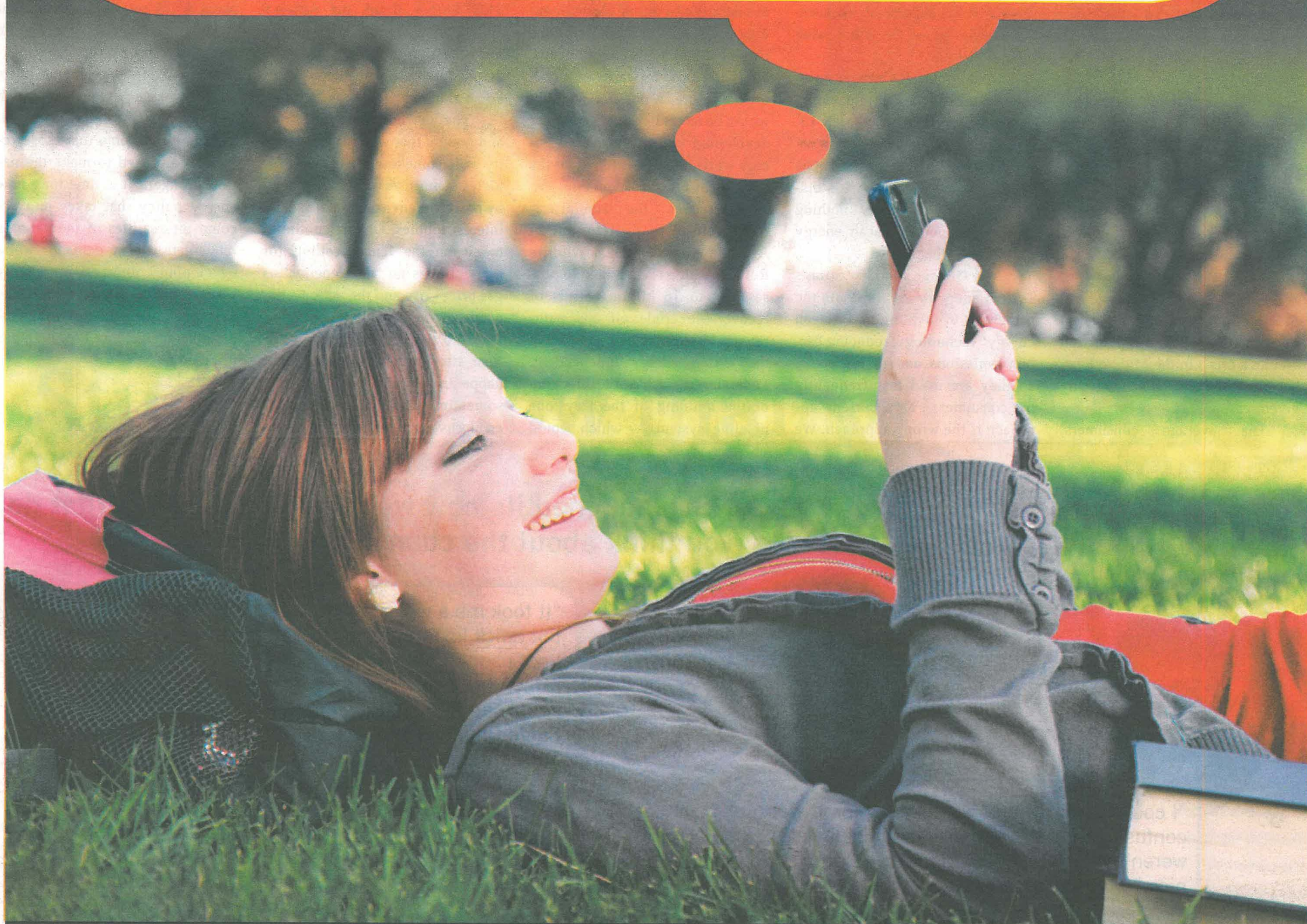


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